## Message Text

PAGE 01 STATE 176151 60 **ORIGIN AID-50** INFO OCT-01 AF-10 EUR-25 ISO-00 SCI-06 PC-10 USIA-15 IO-14 INR-11 DODE-00 AGR-20 INT-08 COME-00 RSC-01 /171 R DRAFTED BY AFR/CWR/SDE:JSNYDER:JAP APPROVED BY AFR/CWR:DSHEAR AFR/CWR:FMILLER AFR/CWR:JPATTERSON FFP/POD:PSHEEHAN(PHONE) SER/COM/TR:RJAMES(PHONE) AFR/CWR:HJOHNSON AF/W:JLOUGHRAN(PHONE) DESIRED DISTRIBUTION 9T ACTION AFR 25 INFO PA PPC OFP C CALI CT FFP CHRON 2 3 8 50P ----- 047739 P 122222Z AUG 74 FM SECSTATE WASHDC TO AMEMBASSY BAMAKO PRIORITY AMEMBASSY ABIDJAN PRIORITY AMEMBASSY COTONOU PRIORITY AMEMBASSY NIAMEY PRIORITY INFO AMEMBASSY DAKAR PRIORITY AMEMBASSY ROME PRIORITY LIMITED OFFICIAL USE STATE 176151 **AFDROUGHT** E.O. 11652: N/A TAGS: SUBJECT: GAO FOOD STOCKS/FUTURE SHIPMENTS ROME FOR FODAG REF: BAMAKO 2476 1. REFTEL INDICATES THAT IN GOM/AADO VIEW, THERE ARE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE PAGE 02 STATE 176151 PRESENTLY SUFFICIENT STOCKS ON HAND AT GAO TO ASSURE

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REGIONAL FOOD REQUIREMENTS ARE MET BETWEEN NOW AND INITIAL BARGE SHIPMENTS SET FOR ARRIVAL EARLY TO MID-SEPTEMBER AND SUGGESTS THAT MOST APPROPRIATE USG RESPONSE IN RESCHEDULING FOOD SHIPMENTS ON REGULAR MONTHLY TONNAGE BASIS BEGINNING FEBRUARY 1975, USE OF ABIDJAN/GAO AND COTONOU/GAO ROUTES, WITH ADDITIONAL INVESTMENT SUPPORT COTONOU/GAO ROAD IMPROVEMENTS.

- 2. IN VIEW THIS PRELIMINARY ANALYSIS AND HIGH COSTS INVOLVED MOVEMENT BOTH ROUTES TO GAO, AID/W BELIEVES PRESENTLY PROPOSED SHIPMENTS 2,000 TONS (OTONOU-GAO AND 1,500 TONS ABIDJAN-GAO SHOULD BE CANCELLED (OR TERMIN IF ALREADY UNDERWAY) PENDING DEVELOPMENT MOST APPROPRIATE SCHEDULING/RESUPPLY PROGRAM.
- 3. IN THIS REGARD, REFTEL (PARA 2, D) POINTS OUT THAT REQUIRENT WESTERN PORTION 6TH REGION CANNOT BE MET BY

ROAD SHIPMENTS TO GAO. HOWEVER, TO DEGREE WESTERN PORTION CAN BE SERVED BY BARGE DURING NAVIGABLE PERIOD, ROAD SHIPMENT TO GAO, EVEN DURING NAVIGABLE SEASON, COULD PERMIT INCREASED BARGE SUPPORT FOR WESTERN AREA WHICH CANNOT BE EFFECTIVELY SERVED BY ROAD, SINCE BAR4ES NOT REQUIRED FOR GAO.

4. TO ASSURE EFFECTIVE COORDINATION USG RESPONSE MALI FOOD REQUIREMENTS, AID/W REQUESTS FOLLOWING: A) FOR ABIDJAN: FROM AVAILABLE INFO, AID/W BELIEVES PRACTICALITY ABIDJAN/GAO ROUTE PROBABLY ADEQUATELY ESTABLISHED AT 1,000 MT PER MONTH WITHOUT NECESSITY ACTUAL SHIPMENT AT THIS TIME. WITHOUT EITHER GAO NEED OR NEED TO TEST ROUTE, SHIPMENT RATIONALE WOULD APPEAR IN-SUFFICIENT EXCEPT FOR RELATIONSHIP PROPOSED RAIL/TRUCK MOVEMENT WITH MOVEMENT MALI COMMERCIAL RICE BY TRUCK. QUERY: CAN USG RAIL/TRUCK SHIPMENT BE CONVERTED TO PARTLY MEET SEGOU STOCK DEFICIT VICE GAO? (FYI: GOM HAS PRO-POSED SEPTEL TRANSFER 2,500 TONS FROM SEGOU TO BAMAKO TO MEET LOAN FOR MAURITANIA AIRLIFT REQUIREMENTS). IF CONVERSION AS SUGGESTED NOT PRACTICAL, WOULD CANCELLA-TION/TERMINATION USG SHIPMENT PERMIT INCREASED MALI LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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COMMERCIAL MOVEMENT BY RAIL? REQUEST ABIDJAN RECOMMENDATIONS THIS REGARD AND COMMENTS WITH RESPECT IMPLICATIONS FOR MOVEMENT ALL US STOCKS ABIDJAN.

B) FOR BAMAKO: REQUEST YOUR VIEWS ON PARA 3, ABOVE AND PARA 4 A ABOVE, CONCERNING ACCEPTABILITY CONVERSION PROPOSED SHIPMENT AS ALTERNATIVE TO GAO MOVEMENT AND/OR OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS.

C) FOR COTONOU/NIAMEY: BELIEVE WESTERN NIGER REQUIRE-

MENT PROBABLY MORE ACUTE AT THIS POINT IN TIME THAN GAO. ASSUMING GOM AGREEABLE, WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR VIEWS RELATIVE TO SHIFT OF SHIPMENT BALANCE 2,000 TONS FOR GAO TO NIAMEY. ADVISE.

- D) FOR BAMAKO: ADVISE IF SHIFT SUGGESTED 4 C, ABOVE, ACCEPTABLE TO GOM/YOU PROVIDING LATER REPAYMENT ASSVR(4'
- 5. FOR ABIDJAN: PERPARA 4, REFTEL, AND IN CONCERT WITH COTONOU/NIAMEY/BAMAKO, BELIEVE YOUR RECOMMENDATION FOR SUGGESTED ADDITIONAL USG/OTHER DONOR INVESTMENT ASSURE MOVEMENT COTONOU-GAO ROUTE SHOULD FORM EARLIEST PART OF OVERALL SCHEDULING/SHIPMENT ANALYSIS FOR MALI/NIGER SUPPORT. REQUEST YOUR COMMENTS IN REGARD ASSESSMEN' THIS ROUTE AND POSSIBLE ACTIONS.

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